

# Market News

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Recycling Market Development Program



## Spotlight on: Jefferson Smurfit Corporation

Jefferson Smurfit Corporation (JSC), headquartered in St. Louis, Mo, is one of North America's largest paper recyclers and one of the nation's giants in paper, paperboard, and package manufacturing. The company operates more than 150 mills and converting operations in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico and employs approximately 17,000 people. Smurfit Recycling Company is one of JSC's most active divisions. The publicly owned recycling company has a total of 30 recycling collection and processing facilities and 13 sales offices nationwide, employing 800 people. Houston is home to one of Smurfit's sales offices. The Houston office has seven employees and is responsible for supplying about 25,000 tons of recovered paper to JSC's Mexican paper mills. Approximately 80 percent of the recovered paper shipped to Mexico is collected in Texas.

JSC's recycling plants perform a variety of processes, including sorting commingled recyclables and various paper grades according to mill specifications. They also have equipment for sorting steel and aluminum cans and densifiers to compact them. According to David Stevens, vice president and general manager of Smurfit Recycling, "the recycling business is going to grow in the future and there's going to be a high worldwide demand for fiber. To meet this demand, Smurfit Recycling plans to expand its existing facilities and make the proper acquisitions." For more information on Smurfit Recycling Texas sales office, contact Dean Thorton at 713/449-8971 in Houston or 1/800-552-6581 in Missouri.

## Recycling Aerosol Steel Cans

Steel aerosol cans are as easy to recycle as regular food-container steel cans. However, aerosol cans must be emptied through normal use before they can be recycled. The product and propellant are finely measured so that both are exhausted at the same time during use. Empty aerosol steel cans are usually collected along with other steel cans. However, if a new can cannot be emptied due to a nozzle malfunction, the can should be returned to the original point of purchase to be returned to the manufacturer. To recycle steel aerosol cans, contact a local city or county solid waste office. For more information contact the Steel Recycling Institute at 1/800-876-7274.



## Upcoming Pollution Prevention and Recycling Events

Wednesday - Friday, July 16-18

**Blueprint for 40% MSW Reduction Workshop**  
*Austin*

Thursday, July 24

**Permanent Pollution Prevention (P4) Workshop**  
*Houston*

Wednesday - Friday, August 6-8

**Blueprint for 40% MSW Reduction Workshop**  
*Arlington*

Wednesday and Thursday, September 24-25

**Pollution Prevention (P2) Workshop**  
*Dallas*

Monday - Wednesday, October 6-8

**Texas Recycling Summit**  
*Austin Hyatt Regency Hotel on Town Lake*

Wednesday and Thursday, October 8-9

**Clean Cities Conference**  
*Austin*

Wednesday and Thursday, October 22-23

**Pollution Prevention (P2) Workshop**  
*Houston*

Monday and Tuesday, November 17-19

**BioCycle Regional Conference**  
*Arlington Marriott*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 512/239-3100**

# New Homes Built With Steel Frames

Homes are now being built with recycled-content steel frames. In 1995, more than 50,000 homes were built using lightweight steel framing. The steel industry is planning to produce six million tons of steel a year for the residential construction market, or the equivalent of about one million new housing frames. Steel framing always contains recycled-content steel, obtained from sources as diverse as refrigerators, soup cans, and filing cabinets. A typical steel-frame home uses the amount of steel equivalent to six scrapped automobiles. For general and technical information about steel framing, contact the American Iron & Steel Institute at 1/800-79-Steel.

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**Strategic Materials, Inc.** (SMI) is now collecting plate glass and windshield glass in their **Midlothian** and **Houston** glass processing plants. **David Reeves** is the new Director of Market Development for SMI's plant in Houston and **Rick Hidalgo** is the new plant manager. For information call 713/676-1500... **Stacy Dierking** is the new Recycling Coordinator and Manager for **Bastrop County**. She may be reached at 512/303-0139... **National Recycling Coalition** (NRC) seeks a marketing consultant to assist in its efforts to increase the buy/sell listings on the Chicago Board of Trade Recyclables Exchange (CBOT). The consultant will develop outreach materials targeting new prospective system users and write a bi-monthly CBOT Marketplace newsletter. Anyone interested should contact **Edgar Miller** at 703/683-9025... **Image Industries**, one of Texas' largest buyers of **PET**, has expanded its facility and is purchasing approximately 35,000 pounds of PET per week... **KW Plastics** processed 150 million pounds of recycled **HDPE** and is expected to double its purchases by 50 percent by the end of 1997... **Fort Howard**

and **James River** announced their merger into a new paper product company called **Fort James Corp...**

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## Texas Market Prices

(for the week of May 15, 1997)

Material		Processor Price	End-User Price
Aluminum	UBC (cans)	\$0.25 - 0.48/lb ↑	\$0.62 - 0.63/lb ↑
Glass	Flint	0 - 25/ton ↑	50 - 57/ton —
	Amber	0 - 25/ton ↑	40 - 59/ton —
	Green	0 - 5/ton ↑	15/ton —
Paper	OCC	35 - 45/ton ↓	65 - 75/ton ↓
	ONP #8	0 - 10/ton —	10 - 30/ton —
	White Ledger	25 - 80/ton —	100 - 140/ton —
	Mixed Paper	0 - 10/ton —	5 - 15/ton —
	Mixed Office Ledger	10 - 20/ton —	40 - 70/ton ↑
	Computer Print-out	100 - 130/ton ↓	200 - 210/ton —
Plastic	PET (mixed colors)	0 —	0.04 - 0.06/lb ↑
	HDPE (natural)	0 —	0.20 - 0.21/lb —
	HDPE (mixed colors)	0 —	0.06 - 0.13/lb —
Steel	Steel Cans	40/ton ↑	75/ton —

*The prices listed above are compiled by the TNRCC Recycling Market Development Program and are for reference only. These prices are not firm quotes. TNRCC obtained pricing information from buyers within each category and developed a pricing range. "Processors" include dealers, brokers, scrap yards and collection centers; whereas, "end-users" include mills and plants. Processor prices are for delivered material in metropolitan areas of the state and do not reflect the value of any collection services. End-user prices, except for glass, are for baled material in truckload quantity, f.o.b. seller's dock. The difference between processor and end-user prices is indicative of the value added by separating, baling or otherwise preparing materials to meet end-market specifications. Actual prices paid by end-users will depend on quality, quantity and transportation requirements. Arrows indicate direction of change from previous month.*

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